

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
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TO: County Social Service Directors
Economic Assistance Policy Regional Representatives
Economic Assistance Policy Quality Control Reviewers

FROM: Carol Cartledge, Director, Economic Assistance Policy

SUBJECT: Kinship Care Clothing Allowance Reimbursement - Initial and Special

PROGRAMS: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2013

RETENTION: Until Manualized

SECTIONS

AFFECTED: 400-19-140-20, TANF Kinship Care Supportive Services

Effective July 1, 2013, Children and Family Services PI 13-15 increased the amount allowed for initial and special clothing allowances for foster youth placed in family foster care, group and residential child care facilities to \$400 per year per child.

TANF Kinship Care Supportive Services provide reimbursement for clothing within the limits established by the department under the Foster Care Program. Therefore, effective July 1, 2013, the TANF Kinship Care Clothing Allowance Reimbursement will be increased to coincide with the Foster Care Increase.

The new allowable rates for the initial and special clothing allowance (should the need arise) established under Family Foster Care are:

- Children ages 0 – 4 years of age \$400 maximum per year per child.
 - Children ages 5 – 12 years of age \$400 maximum per year per child.
 - Children ages 13 –18* years of age \$400 maximum per year per child.
- *Age 18, a full-time student in a secondary school or a vocational or technical school that is equivalent to secondary school, before the end of the calendar month in which the student attains age 19, the student may reasonably be expected to complete the program of such school.

If you have questions, please contact your Regional Representative.